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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE  
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING  
MEDIUM ON WHICH THE PROGRAM  
IS RECORDED

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Sir:

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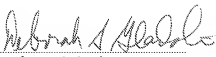
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